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I RECOMMEND THAT WE TELEPHONE Mr. Augg in a few weeks.

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He is not up to par, obviously, but memory may improve with health.

INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

1. Identifying Information:

Name Robert Royce Augg, Sr.

Date May 31, 1978

Address 187 Madeira St.

Place Mr. Augg's home

City/State Chillicothe, Ohio

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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

M or S \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security 289 30 3603

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

2. Physical Description:

Height \_\_\_\_\_

Color Eyes \_\_\_\_\_ Hair \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Special Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Group \_\_\_\_\_

3. Personal History:

a. Present Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

b. Criminal Record

1. Arrests \_\_\_\_\_

2. Convictions \_\_\_\_\_

4. Additional Personal Information:

a. Relative(s): Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

b. Area frequented: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigator Jack Hainity

Date 1-2-79

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## SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Name Robert Royce Augg, Sr. Date May 31, 1978 Time 1900  
 Address 187 Madeira Street Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chillicothe, Ohio TEL: 613 774 4129 home  
 775 6900 work

Interview: Mr. Augg recalls serving in U.S.M.C. with Lee Harvey Oswald, but not too many details. Somewhat of an effort inasmuch as he's not feeling well today. Got out of bed this evening to speak to me, but complained of "stomach pains" and within an hour and ten minutes, indicated he was going back to bed. No conversationalist, his replies were largely limited to one word answers, but he managed to convey the following information:

He enlisted in the USMC 5-21-56. He was discharged 5-8-59. Met LHO in Atsuki (Japan) when the latter was sent there some months after he (Augg) arrived. Housing consisted of a large barracks divided into cubicles - six to a section and LHO "sacked" (bunked) in his cubicle - directly over him for that matter.

Although LHO didn't talk much, he talked to Augg and found they had something in common. LHO followed Augg through Radar/radio training at Kessler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, and, like Augg, was sent directly to Atsugi as an operator. Augg doesn't recall what most of the guys thought of LHO, but he got along with him. Once, he borrowed \$2.00 from LHO. (About a year ago, "a guy"

Interviewer Signature


Typed Signature Jack MoriartyDate transcribed 6 26 78By: ROSS Form #4-A



came to Augg's home and interviewed him relative to that publication "Legend." Later, he received a copy in the mail and found he's mentioned). Says he's read the story (Legend) describing LHO being thrown in the shower. He doesn't recall anything like that.

Even he didn't have much in common with Lee Harvey Oswald- he didn't drink or play cards ("we played some poker - not much 'cause there wasn't much money - but mostly pinochle was our main game). If LHO had any special interest in girls, it didn't show. His thing was reading, not girlie magazines, but heavy stuff. Augg assumed everything was in English. He wasn't aware LHO knew anything else.

But they were both Privates (Augg had enjoyed the PFC promotion, but an indiscretion involving a Captain cancelled that) and were assigned to the same radar crew. Eight or nine men working together: 4 hours on, 8 off. Asked if this group's nickname was "coffee mill" he said no - that was a call letter.

Recollection of dates is vague, but he arrived in Atsugi around May, 1957 and LHO made it there in 1957 too, but a few months later. Although I returned to their meeting, he couldn't remember if LHO arrived alone or with a group. He was just another new guy in the barracks to Augg.

LHO always went on liberty alone which wasn't significant in itself. Several of the men did. Augg did if there wasn't any plan including another man or group. Liberty consisted of going to Yamada (phonetic) or Yokahama - the two nearby towns - to seek

wine and women - not necessarily in that order. He never saw LHO on liberty, but adds he never looked for him, either. Doesn't recall anyone ever mentioning anything about LHO on liberty.

Doesn't remember the other four men in their cubicle, but there were regular changes anyway. Does recall LHO shooting himself. Knows he did because when he (Augg) arrived, there was LHO sitting on his (Augg's) sack with a corpsman treating the arm wound. He'd used his own "22" (Derringer pistol). It was still right there. LHO said he shot himself. Didn't say why and Augg didn't ask - figured like the rest, LHO just didn't want to go on maneuvers in the Philippines. Asked if he could have wanted to remain at Atsugi for a woman, Augg didn't know about that, but knew he resented authority - all kinds and maneuvers were nothing but an exercise and just that as far as he was concerned. Once he and LHO were on a detail relative to securing the area due to reports of an incoming hurricane which put him and LHO together for a period of time during which LHO complained bitterly about authority and those being subjected to it.

Anyway, when they took LHO to sick bay for gunshot treatment, that was the last time Augg (knowingly) saw him. He adds that he was put on 30 days mess (duty) when they arrived at Corregidor which was part of the sentence from the summary (court martial) from the incident with the Captain. John Wayne stopped by on tour and he and several others had pictures taken with the movie star. Later, he saw photos of Wayne with his outfit and LHO was in the background of one, butugg says he wasn't aware they were on mess at the same time, notwithstanding. This was about 5/58 - not long after they



arrived from Japan.

Generally, Augg described LHO as a regular man in the outfit, inclined to be quiet, neat and clean (his sack, footlocker and wall locker were always in good order and located over or alongside Augg's). To tell the truth, if he hadn't of shot himself, he wouldn't of rememberd him at all.

He never showed any signs of having any more money than anyone else.

His defection news came as a surprise.

Never had occasion to appraise his ability as a radar operator. Never heard any complaints in that regard and that's all he probably would of remembered.

No information about what, if any, mail LHO received.

The name Martin Schrand sounds familiar. He vaguely recalls the shooting on guard duty. He has no information on the details - didn't know much then. He stood guard like everyone else, but never had a problem. Never heard anything to link LHO with the shooting.

Doesn't know if LHO had a camera, was any kind of a marksman and never heard anything concerning any effeminate boys around any base.

Thinks he shot JFK for reasons related to Cuba. Based this on his reading "Legend".

Anyone of the guys could of taken photos of the W-2, but no one did. They were told it was a weather plane and let it go at that. Recalls two names: PFC John Radley and Cpl. Crawley.